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On August 24, 2000, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) filed a petition for pricing flexibility for special access and dedicated transport services pursuant to Section 1.774 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.774. In accordance with Section 1.774(c) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(c), comments and oppositions shall be filed no later than September 8, 2000, 15 days after the petition was filed. Pursuant to Section 1.774(e)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(e)(2)(i), interested parties may file comments electronically through the Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS). Parties electing to file comments through a method other than ETFS must file such comments in accordance with Section 1.774(e)(2)(ii) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(e)(2)(ii). In addition, in accordance with Section 1.774(d) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(d), BellSouth may file a reply no later than September 18, 2000, 10 days after comments are filed. Any such reply must be filed through ETFS. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(e)(3). For additional information about the filing and service of comments and replies, see Sections 1.774(c)-(e) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(c)-(e).

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

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